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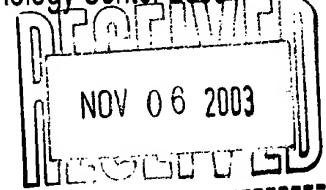
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING A MAGNETIC FIELD SIGNAL  
USABLE FOR LOCATING AN UNDERGROUND OBJECT

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Sir:

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These references were cited in the International Search Report dated 19 September 2003.

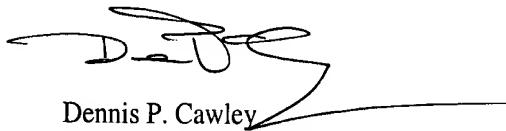
No further elaboration is believed necessary. Copies of the search report and cited art are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

AUTHORIZATION

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